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000 GENERAL WORKS

American Library Association. Subject and title index to short stories for children. Comp. by a subcommittee of the A.L.A. Editorial Committee. Julia F. Carter, chairman. 1955. 333p. American Library Association, $5.

"The index has been planned for the use of public and school librarians and teachers who work with boys and girls from the third grade through junior high school."—*Foreword.* The 372 books indexed include important out-of-print titles still available in many libraries; in general the subject headings are those used in the Rue indexes. Includes a list of books indexed, arranged alphabetically by code letters, an alphabetical subject index, and a list of stories arranged by title.

†016.8 Children's stories—Dictionaries, indexes, etc. 55-10208 (W)

Jackson, Ellen Pauline. A manual for the administration of the Federal documents collection in libraries. Prepared for the A.L.A. Committee on Public Documents. 1955. 108p. American Library Association, $3.

In her preface the compiler notifies users that this manual offers no simplified procedures for dealing with such complex and important material as government documents. She does "describe some of the constants that exist in handling government documents: their origins and purposes, sources and methods of acquisition, the characteristics of some of the special types of documents . . . the elements of federal government document bibliography [and] some of the different methods of organizing the collection and systems of classification and records."—*Preface.*

025.1734 Government publications || U.S.—Government publications 55-8710

100-200 PHILOSOPHY—RELIGION

Graham, William Franklin. The secret of happiness; Jesus' teaching on happiness as expressed in the Beatitudes. 1955. 117p. illus. Doubleday, paper-covered boards, $2.

An evangelist examines the Beatitudes in the light of their significance to modern man. He studies each Beatitude in turn and finds in each a key to a deep-rooted life of inner peace and stability. By using concrete examples

Mr. Graham shows how far most persons err from these teachings of Christ and offers practical suggestions for incorporating their message into daily life. The concluding chapter sums up the steps to happiness found within the framework of the Beatitudes. For the general reader.

226.2 Beatitudes || Happiness 55-11331 (W)

Josselyn, Irene (Milliken). The happy child; a psychoanalytic guide to emotional and social growth. 1955. 410p. Random, $3.95.

This book for parents by the author of *The adolescent and his world* (BOOKLIST 49:165, Ja 15 53) describes the child's psychological growth from infancy through adolescence, referring common emotional and social maladjustments in adult life to childhood psychic scars. Since the approach is somewhat theoretical its use by parents may present difficulties, although social workers, guidance counselors, and teachers will find it helpful for background. More inclusive than Ribble's *The personality of the young child* (BOOKLIST 52:178, Ja 1 56).

136.7 Child study 55-8161

300 SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dobie, James Frank, *ed.* Tales of old-time Texas; illus. by Barbara Latham. 1955. 336p. illus. Little, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $5.

Blending fact and folklore with a born storyteller's felicity and ease, an authority on the Southwest respins some of the best yarns of his native state. He tells about Bowie and his knife, the Robin-hooding of Sam Bass, and the adventures of Bigfoot Wallace; relates feats performed by bee-hunters, cold-nosed hounds, intelligent bears, and a rattlesnake named Old Bill; sets down legends like that of the Navidad wild woman, the headless horseman of the Mustangs, and the lost treasure of the Guadalupes; and describes some amazing vagaries of weather together with other Texas phenomena. A delightful and authentic gleaning of Americana.

398.21 Tales, American—Texas || Folk-lore—Texas 55-10755 (W)

Feingold, S. Norman. Scholarships, fellowships and loans. v.3. 1955. 471p. Bellman Publishing Co., Cambridge 38, Mass., $10.

Similar in format and purpose to the original volume listed in BOOKLIST 46:227, Mr 15 50, this current volume lists additional sources of student aid funds, repeating information included in the previous volumes only in cases where there has been a change in the agency administering the funds. Stress is placed on financial aid available at the local level, and an increasing number of grants offered to veterans and their dependents is noted.

378.3 Scholarships—U.S. (49-49180) (W)

Knowles, Helen K. Making money for your church, library, hospital, social or welfare organizations. 1955. 225p. Bond Wheelwright Co., 795 Forest Ave., Portland 5, Me., paper-covered boards, $3.50.

Advice on fund-raising projects, intended primarily for women's organizations. It covers choosing an undertaking suited to the probable patronage; planning the publicity and executing the enterprise; ideas for auctions, bazaars, carnivals, fashion shows, pageants, thrift shops, and other projects; and sources for costumes, decorations, entertainment, films, group discount merchandise, and similar supplies. Material useful in most communities.

361.73 Fund raising 55-6259 (W)

Maurer, Herrymon. Great enterprise; growth and behavior of the big corporation. 1955. 303p. Macmillan, $5.

Likely to prove useful in both small and large business collections, this book synthesizes the findings of *Fortune's* four-year study of America's 50 biggest corporations to provide an overview of today's trends in top level administration. Among topics considered are company attitudes toward competition, new markets, planning for future production and supply, pricing, profits, types of directorates, and the relationships of business to society. The approach is conversational and uncomplicated.

338.7 Corporations—U.S. || Big business—U.S. 55-13880 (W)

Perry, John. The story of standards. 1955. 271p. illus. Funk & Wagnalls, $5.

This history of man's attempts at measurement and testing began as an account of the U.S. National Bureau of Standards; however, the author soon found himself following the trail of measuring instruments and systems all the way back to the ingenious inventions of primitive man. Mr. Perry, a management consultant who specializes in the communica-

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tion of information between scientist and layman, uses his professional skills to good effect in making a connected and entertaining story out of a profusion of technical facts.

†389 Weights and measures || U.S. National Bureau of Standards 55-11094 (W)

Root, Edward Merrill. Collectivism on the campus; the battle for the mind in American colleges. 1955. 403p. Devin-Adair, $5.

A well-documented book which maintains that for a number of years U.S. colleges and universities have indoctrinated their students with socialistic and communistic ideas. The author cites numerous cases in which he claims professors, students, and textbooks, consciously or unconsciously, supported totalitarian doctrines. He contends that today it is the conservative thinker who is radical in that he believes that the individual is more important than the state. The charges and conclusions may cause repercussions both within and without academic circles.

378.73 Communism—U.S. || Universities and colleges—U.S. 55-10828

500-600 NATURAL SCIENCE —USEFUL ARTS

Beard, James Andrews. The casserole cookbook. 1955. 144p. illus. Bobbs-Merrill, $2.75.

A gourmet and cook of considerable reputation adds casserole cookery to his substantial list of cookbooks. He reminds his readers that any food normally braised, stewed, baked, or sautéed can be oven-prepared, and supplies recipes to prove it, from meats to desserts. He adds advice on improvisation, what to serve with casserole dishes, how to choose wines, and the appropriate use of herbs and spices.

641.58 Casserole receipts 55-13798

Carroll, Phil. How foremen can control costs. 1955. 301p. illus. McGraw-Hill, paper-covered boards, $4.

Based on a series of articles written for *Supervision*, this pocket-sized manual points out how each worker's conduct on the job affects production costs, and how the benefits or penalties come back to the worker. The breezy text and cheerful, cartoon-like illustrations remind the person who supervises the work of others, whatever his capacity or title, about the many phases of his job in which he exercises some control over the worker, and therefore over production costs.

658.5 Foremen || Costs, Industrial 55-8893 (W)

Fox, Ruth and **Lyon, Peter.** Alcoholism, its scope, cause, and treatment. 1955. 208p. Random, $3.

The head of the New York City Medical Society on Alcoholism offers a thoughtful discussion of alcohol and the alcoholic, viewing alcoholism as a symptom of neurosis. She deals with the cause and effect of drinking and studies the social drinker as well as the alcoholic. Case histories from her files emphasize the point that certain personality traits are common among alcoholics, traits, for the most part, molded in early life. Cures, or attempts at cures, are discussed in full and a state-by-state list of sources of help for the alcoholic is given. Of value to the interested layman as well as to those who work with alcoholics.

616.861 Alcoholism 55-8170

Greenberg, David Benjamin and **Greenberg, Marian.** The shopping guide to Mexico, Guatemala, and the Caribbean, also Bermuda, Nassau, and Panama. 1955. 203p. Greenberg, $3.75.

The authors of the popular *The shopping guide to Europe* (BOOKLIST 50:416, Jl 1 54) tell how to shop for goods and transportation in Mexico, Guatemala, and the Caribbean islands. They give advice on when to bargain, what to buy and how much to pay for china, silver, linen, clothing, liquor, leather, perfumes, and other commodities, and, in the Caribbean area particularly, how to plan travel and hotel accommodations advantageously. Information on currency and tips. For all libraries whose patrons travel.

658.87 Shopping || Retail trade—Caribbean area || Caribbean area—Descr. & trav. 55-11518

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Harman, Ian Denys Anthony. Finches; illus. by R. W. Vowles. 1955. 138p. illus. All-Pets Books, Inc., Fond du Lac, Wis., $4.

Straightforward, inclusive information on maintaining indoor and outdoor aviaries, and on the care and breeding of that numerous class of birds which includes, in addition to the typical finches, such birds as buntings, cardinals and grosbeaks, weavers and whydahs, waxbills, grass-finches, and mannikins.

636.686 Finches 54-11713

Hertzberg, Robert. So you want to be a ham. 1955. 196p. illus. Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., 2201 E. 46th St., Indianapolis 5, Ind., paper, $2.50.

A handbook for the would-be "ham" radio operator. Gives information on equipment, training, licensing, organizations, and uses.

621.38402 Radio—Amateurs' manuals 55-10585

Lisle, Clifton. Pastures new; a hill farm in the making. 1956. 241p. Farrar, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $3.50.

Those responding empathically to neglected acres will enjoy accompanying the author of *The growing year* (BOOKLIST 50:197, Ja 15 54) through the many months devoted to remodeling an old stone farmhouse on a Pennsylvania hillside and developing its gardens. When the volume closes with most projects well begun but still incomplete readers may look ahead to more of these gentle adventures. A gardening book which might double in the informal essay collection.

630.1 Country life—Pennsylvania 55-11275

Miner, Douglas F. and **Seastone, John B.,** *eds.* Handbook of engineering materials, prepared by a staff of specialists. 1955. 1v. (various pagings). illus., diagrs., tables. Wiley, paper-covered boards, $17.50.

A compendium of data on the properties of metal, wood, plastics, rubber, glass, and other materials of manufacturing and construction.

620.1 Materials 55-9366

New York Academy of Medicine. Better health through better living. 1955. 184p. Dial, $3.

A reprint in permanent form of a series of articles originally published in *Better Living* magazine. In nontechnical language, thirteen doctors give information on matters of most concern to families, such as present-day obstetrical methods, psychological problems encountered by parents adjusting to the presence of a first child, sterility, first aid, surgery for children, guarding the child's vision, common ills, self-medication, allergies, diet, the benefits of sunshine, and warding off winter ills.

†613 Hygiene 56-5432 (W)

Oppenheimer, J. Robert. The open mind. 1955. 146p. Simon & Schuster, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $2.75.

This collection of lectures delivered by the eminent physicist between 1946 and 1955 includes some that have never appeared in print, and some that have appeared in technical journals of limited circulation. Four of the lectures deal with atomic weapons and questions of related policy, and the other four with the relationship between science as an intellectual activity and the wider culture of our times; each is accompanied by a note of the date and circumstances of delivery.

504 Atomic energy—Addresses, essays, lectures || Science—Addresses, essays, lectures 55-10043 (W)

Smith, Henry Clay. Psychology of industrial behavior. 1955. 477p. illus. McGraw-Hill, $6.

In this nontechnical book for executives, personnel managers, and others concerned with workers' attitudes the aims of industry are linked with those of the employee. The author, a trained psychologist, drawing on various personnel studies, tells why people work, how they react to working, and what management can do to promote employee satisfaction. One section deals with current psychological measurements and methods as applied to industry.

658.3 Psychology, Industrial 55-6865

700 FINE ARTS

Collier's, the national weekly. Greatest sports stories, ed. by Tom Meany. 1955. 299p. Barnes, paper-covered boards, $3.95.

A selection of sports fiction and nonfiction that appeared in *Collier's* between 1899 and 1955. Richard Harding Davis, Arthur Conan Doyle, and P. G. Wodehouse appear along with more traditional sports writers and the reader has many diverse topics from which to choose: Japanese wrestling, the Wimbledon games, and Jackie Robinson's versatile athletic career. Satisfying and varied fare for the sports lover of any age.

796.082 Sports stories 54-9175 (W)

Gordon, Sid W. How to fish from top to bottom. 1955. 384p. illus. Stackpole, paper-covered boards, $5.

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799.12 Fishing 55-11695 (W)

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792.01 [826.91] Drama—Hist. & crit. 54-12066

Stratton, Charlotte Kimball. Rug hooking made easy. 1955. 214p. illus. Harper, $5.

Detailed instructions on designing and making hooked rugs, prepared by a skilled rugmaker who has had 20 years of experience in operating her own school for training instructors. The author's interest in her craft does not end with the explanation of the fundamentals of rug-hooking, but extends also to a discussion of Navaho and Pennsylvania Dutch patterns, and to the life and work of Edward Frost, the Yankee peddler who designed and sold the first commercial patterns.

746.74 Rugs, Hooked 55-10704

800 LITERATURE

Lewis, Maxine. The magic key to successful writing. 1955. 257p. Prentice-Hall, paper-covered boards, $3.95.

This book for beginning writers is addressed mainly to those whose field is fiction though poets and historians are also referred to. Departing from the usual advice to amateurs on characterization, dialogue, and plotting, this attempts to explain the nature of the creative process and to teach recognition of its successive stages. The section on the business aspects of selling material to publishers is very practical.

808.3 Fiction—Technique || Authorship 55-10117

Miller, Arthur. A view from the bridge; two one-act plays. 1955. 160p. Viking, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $3.

Two one-act plays: A memory of two Mondays and A view from the bridge. The first, set in a large New York warehouse, offers a candid view of the employees' different approaches to life and portrays the little world of the warehouse as a reflection of the larger world outside. The second play tells of two Italians who come illegally to the U.S. to work as longshoremen. The head of the family with whom they stay, warped by a jealous love of his niece, brings disaster upon himself and the immigrants. In his introduction the author

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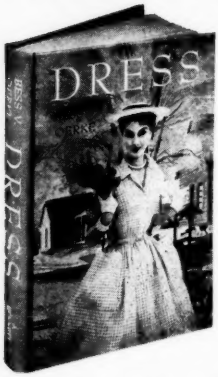

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812.5 55-10474

Miller, Harlan. There's a man in the house. 1955. 306p. Random, $3.95.

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818.5 55-10637 (W)

900 HISTORY

Block, Herbert. Herblock's here and now. 1955. 280p. illus. Simon & Schuster, paper-covered boards, $2.95.

As in *The Herblock book* (BOOKLIST 49:201, F 15 53) a Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post* cartoonist demonstrates his drawing and writing ability in this perceptive book which affirms that a nation is made stronger by self-analysis. He delves into McCarthyism, the last Geneva conference, and the Eisenhower program and personality with a satirical insight that bids the U.S. see itself as others see it.

*973.92 U.S.—Hist.—Humor, caricatures, etc. || U.S.—Pol. & govt.—1945- —Humor, caricatures, etc. 55-12202

Frischauer, Willi and **Jackson, Robert.** The Altmark affair. 1955. 255p. illus. Macmillan, $3.75.

The story of the dual role played by the Nazi tanker *Altmark* as supply ship for the *Graf Spee* and prison for 300 sailors captured on British freighters sunk by the *Spee* is an exciting segment of World War II history. When the *Altmark* was herself seized by the English off the Norwegian coast the action helped precipitate a more active phase of the war. Published in England under title: *The navy's here!*

940.545 Altmark (Ship) || Admiral Graf Spee (Battleship) || World War, 1939-1945—Naval operations, German || World War, 1939-1945—Prisoners and prisons, German 55-13724

Joy, Charles Turner. How Communists negotiate. With a foreword by Matthew B. Ridgway. 1955. 178p. Macmillan, $3.50.

The senior U.N. delegate at the Korean armistice conference offers a firsthand account and analysis of Communist negotiation tactics. By citing excerpts from the armistice talks it is

seen how, whenever possible, the Communists distorted facts, quibbled over details, and stalled for time. A clear and far from starry-eyed look at the diplomatic side of the Korean War. The author offers specific suggestions for future negotiations in the hope that the experience gained from past mistakes will benefit the noncommunist world in the future.

951.9 Korean War, 1950-1953—Armistices || Negotiation 55-13828

Kimche, Jon and **Kimche, David.** The secret roads; the "illegal" migration of a people, 1938-1948. With an introd. by David Ben Gurion. 1955. 223p. illus. Farrar, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $3.75.

This account of the 1939-1948 underground mass movement of thousands of Jews from Europe to Palestine discusses the difficulties and triumphs of the exodus and tells of the Mossad, the Zionist group which organized the flight. The book tells how during the war years the early stream of illegal entries reached flood proportions and how as the activities of the Mossad increased British opposition also intensified. A memorable chapter in the establishment of Israel and a testimony of endurance and courage against great odds.

*956.94 Israel—Emig. & immig. 55-13764

Lamb, Harold. New found world; how North America was discovered & explored. 1955. 336p. illus. Doubleday, $5.75.

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973.1 America—Disc. & explor. || North America —Hist. 55-10510 (W)

Laver, James, *ed.* Victorian vista. 1955. 256p. illus. Houghton, $5.50.

In recent years, the author says, there has been a swing from deprecation to appreciation of the Victorian Age; what was formerly old-fashioned has become antique. In an effort to obtain a true picture of the Victorians, somewhere between the disparagement of a Strachey and the current tendency to romantic idealization, Mr. Laver turns to the Victorians and allows them to reveal themselves through such illuminating trivia as extracts from letter-writers and books of etiquette, menus, valentines, and sheet music.

942.081 Gt. Brit.—Soc. life & cust. 55-13839

Miller, Irving. Israel, the eternal ideal. 1955. 148p. Farrar, $2.75.

This brief general book by an American rabbi about the modern Jewish state nevertheless covers considerable ground and will be useful in libraries lacking Zionist material. It covers events leading to Israel's emergence as a national entity in 1948, discusses its cultural, economic, and political potentialities, and crystallizes the Jewish versus the Pan-Arab point of view.

*956.94 Israel—Hist.—1917-1948 || Jews—Restoration || Zionism 55-11443 (W)

Verney, John. Going to the wars. 1955. 247p. Dodd, paper-covered boards, $3.

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940.548142 World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives, English 55-9927

Year. Year; foreword by Harold C. Urey. 1955. 192p. illus. 14¼ in. x 10¾ in. Simon & Schuster, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $10.

Uniform with previous volumes, the seventh annual issue of this publication reviews in pictures and scant text the events of the year from September, 1954, to August, 1955.

909.82 History—Yearbooks (48-11192)

910 DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL

Cranston, Ruth. The miracle of Lourdes. 1955. 286p. illus. McGraw-Hill, paper-covered boards, $4.50.

The purpose of this calmly partisan book by an on-the-spot reporter is to tell the history of the famous French shrine, explain the way it operates, and describe some of the cures effected there, while answering skeptics' criticisms without generating any noticeable heat. Libraries needing material as specialized as this may be grateful for the data gathered here.

†914.47 Lourdes 55-9538

Hall, Gordon Langley. Me papoose sitter. 1956. 243p. Crowell, paper-covered boards, $3.50.

A nineteen-year-old teacher from England experienced everything but dullness in his year's work at a small Indian settlement in Ontario. From the moment he arrived by dog sled he was absorbed into the Gull Bay local spirit that specialized in such eccentrics as Poor Old Grandmother, the rifle-toting Mary-Ellen, and the moody sled dog Regina Regina. Teaching was crammed in between fire calls, coming out parties, and all-community picnics, so that Teacher emerged with as much enlightenment as his pupils. A book which stresses the humorous aspects of the situation; the wit is clothed in New World heartiness rather than in British subtlety.

†917.13 Chippewa Indians—Soc. life & cust. 56-5693 (W)

920 OR B BIOGRAPHY

Abbe, Truman. Professor Abbe and the isobars; the story of Cleveland Abbe, America's first weatherman. 1955. 259p. illus. Vantage, $3.50.

Scientific weather forecasting as practiced today is due largely to the efforts, as early as 1869, of Cleveland Abbe, the subject of this unpretentious and charming biography by his son. His letters and journals, many written on his observation trips, form a part of the text and reinforce the reader's impression of Abbe as a devoted man of science and an admirable person.

B Abbe, Cleveland 54-10093

Hatch, Alden. Ambassador Extraordinary: Clare Boothe Luce. Illus. with photos. 1956. 254p. illus. Holt, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $3.75.

The author of *Red carpet for Mamie* (Booklist 51:13, S 1 54) draws a glowing portrait of the present U.S. ambassador to Italy. In examining her life from childhood to the present Mr. Hatch points out that a keen and analytical mind lies behind Mrs. Luce's sophisticated exterior, a mind well equipped to handle the diverse duties of an editor, war correspondent, and diplomat. He speaks too of milestones in her private life: her two marriages, the death of her daughter, and her conversion to Catholicism. A chatty, informal study with a predominantly feminine appeal.

B Luce, Clare (Boothe) 55-10640 (W)

Lundgren, William R. Across the high frontier; the story of a test pilot, Major Charles E. Yeager, USAF. Foreword by J. H. Doolittle. 1955. 288p. illus. Morrow, $3.75.

As test pilot for the U.S. Air Force, Major Charles E. Yeager flew the Bell X-1, an experimental rocket plane designed to reach 1,700 miles per hour, and on October 17, 1947, safely penetrated the sound barrier, proving that man can travel at supersonic speeds. The author combines Yeager's career, from his West Virginia boyhood through his combat pilot service in World War II, his marriage, and his work as test pilot, with an account of the construction and dangerous testing program of the X-1. Accurate aeronautical details compensate for a story awkwardly presented, overly dramatized, and occasionally sentimental.

B Yeager, Charles E. 55-10263 (W)

Randall, Ruth (Painter). Lincoln's sons. 1956. 373p. illus. Little, $5.

In logical progression the biographer of *Mary Lincoln* (Booklist 49:203, F 15 53) moves on to study the personalities and lives of the four Lincoln boys of whom Robert, the eldest and least-favored, receives the most extended treatment since he was the only one to reach his majority. Although this composite biography suffers by comparison with its warmer, livelier, and more sympathetic predecessor, it is nevertheless interesting reading and a desirable item for Lincoln collections. A condensed version appeared in *McCall's Magazine*.

B Lincoln, Abraham, Pres. U.S.—Family 56-5046 (W)

Fiction

Barnes, Margaret Campbell. Mary of Carisbrooke. 1956. 318p. Macrae, $3.50.

In this latest of the author's romances of English royalty attention is about equally divided between the first Charles Stuart and the fictitious Mary Floyd, an ardent seventeen-year-old royalist who was deeply involved in the various abortive plots to help the king escape when he was forcibly detained on the Isle of Wight in the year preceding his execution. Although neither personalities nor background are particularly well-developed this is still better than average.

Charles I, King of Great Britain—Fiction

55-10738 (W)

Mauriac, François. The lamb (L'agneau). Tr. by Gerard Hopkins. 1956. 156p. Farrar, $3.

A strange and powerful novel of a Christian who believed it his obligation to bear the spiritual burdens of his fellow men. On the way to the seminary, Xavier encounters Jean de Mirbel and, shaken by the man's need, is persuaded to cancel his own plans and accompany him to his home, a step that drastically alters the lives of several persons. While at de Mirbel's, Xavier meets a woman who embodies his ideal of human love but his devotion to what he sees as his duty leads finally to his death. A compelling study of human relationships touched by the influence of an aspirer to sainthood.

56-5193 (W)

Miller, Helen (Topping). Slow dies the thunder. 1955. 310p. Bobbs-Merrill, $3.50.

The romance of Elliott Deaderick, spirited daughter of a British major but actively supporting the patriot cause, and Mike Callaway, independent mountain scout for the rebel military command, develops against a background of the Revolutionary War as it struck South Carolina in 1780. Beginning with Clinton's bombardment of Charleston, the action follows the guerrilla activities of Francis Marion's men and concludes after the battle of King's Mountain. A restrained and somewhat conventional historical novel but one not limited to women readers.

U.S.—Hist.—Revolution—Fiction 55-10900 (W)

O'Connor, Edwin. The last hurrah. 1956. 427p. Little, $4.

For note see BOOKLIST 52:153, D 15 55.

55-11224 (W)

Ostlere, Gordon. Doctor at large [by] Richard Gordon [pseud.]. 1956. 188p. Harcourt, paper-covered boards, $3.

The English author of *Doctor in the house* (BOOKLIST 49:232, Mr 15 53) hands out another prescription for laughter in this story of a young doctor just out of medical school. The cloistered atmosphere of St. Swithin's had not prepared the hero for the amorous advances of other doctors' wives or the psychosomatic ills of the wealthy but he copes hilariously with every problem. When he returns to his alma mater as a staff doctor trouble in the form of a female awaits but once again British wit and strategy win the day. A pleasant pill to swallow.

55-9380 (W)

Roberts, Kenneth Lewis. Boon Island. 1956. 275p. Doubleday, $3.75.

Caught in a freezing northeaster in December, 1710, the America-bound *Nottingham* struck Boon Island and sank, leaving 14 of her crew marooned for 24 days without shelter, food, or water on this jagged, ice-covered rock off the coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The author's fictionized account of the historical incident is narrated in first person by the ship's young supercargo, who gives the events prior to the ill-fated voyage and details day by day the harrowing ordeal of their fight to survive in a test of physical endurance intensified by the threat of mutiny and horrors of cannibalism. A gripping though unevenly written novel for men.

Dean, John—Fiction 56-5443 (W)

Wallop, Douglass. The sunken garden. 1956. 254p. Norton, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $3.50.

In this quickly read but by no means superficial novel for women the middle thirties are treated as critical years in the lives of two apparently happily married couples. Mike Gorman, a devoted family man, forgives almost in advance the infidelity of his wife Louise. But for Janice Forester, her husband Tom's affair with Louise has no easy solution. Likable people, humanly presented.

55-13924 (W)

Waugh, Alec. Island in the sun; a story of the 1950's set in the West Indies. 1956. 538p. Farrar, $3.95.

A solid novel in the nineteenth-century tradition crackling with mid-twentieth-century issues such as the demise of English colonialism, racial equality, and self-government of native peoples. Action takes place on a British West Indian island and covers Lord Templeton's brief regime as governor, notable for two murders, a strike of native labor, and an exposé of conditions on the island by an American journalist.

56-5065 (W)

SCIENCE FICTION

Bradbury, Ray. The October country. Illus. by Joe Mugnaini. 1955. 306p. illus. Ballantine Books, $3.50.

55-12167 (W)

Series and editions

Black Hawk, *Sauk chief.* Black Hawk (Ma-ka-tai-me-she-kia-kiak) An autobiography. Ed. by Donald Jackson. 1955. 206p. illus., ports., maps, facsims. Univ. of Ill., $3.75.

An attractive, illustrated edition which reprints the text of the 1833 edition; footnotes are drawn from original source material, principally that on the Black Hawk War in the Illinois State Historical Library. Prefatory material discusses the authenticity of the autobiography and makes evident the place of Black Hawk in the history of the American Indians.

970.2 Black Hawk War, 1832 55-11217

Chilton Company, *Philadelphia.* Your complete handbook on how to fix Chevrolets, by Andrew D. Grey. 2d ed., fully rev. 1955. 160p. illus. 11¾ in. Chilton Co., Chestnut and 56th Sts., Phila. 39, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $2.95.

Revised to cover passenger models of 1940 through 1955. Clear instructions amply supplemented by photographs and drawings.

629.287 Chevrolet automobile 55-4582

——Your complete handbook on how to fix Plymouths, by Andrew D. Grey. 2d ed., fully rev. 1955. 143p. illus. 11¾ in. Chilton Co., Chestnut and 56th Sts., Phila. 39, paper-covered boards with cloth backbone, $2.95.

Revised to cover passenger models of 1940 through 1955. Clear instructions amply supplemented by photographs and drawings.

629.287 Plymouth automobile 55-12755

Crouse, William Harry. Automotive electrical equipment: construction, operation, and maintenance. 3d ed. 1955. 489p. illus. McGraw-Hill, $6.50.

The preface states that major revisions have been made in this edition to cover the many changes in automotive electrical equipment and new approaches in teaching and training automotive mechanics such as incentive-type tests.

629.25 Automobiles—Electric equipment 55-8282

Kahn, Gilbert and **Yerian, Theodore.** Progressive filing. 6th ed. 1955. 151p. illus. McGraw-Hill, paper-covered boards, $3.

Successor to *Progressive indexing and filing,* fifth edition, published by Management Controls Division, Remington Rand Inc. Geared to classroom use but also useful for self study or refresher consultation. Assumes use of some specially prepared practice material if used in the classroom.

651.5 Indexing || Files and filing (Documents) 55-8903

Morgan, Willard Detering and **Lester, Henry M.** Leica manual and data book. [13th ed.]. John S. Carroll, Dorothy S. Gelatt, Associate eds. 1955. 456p. illus. Morgan & Lester, Publishers, 101 Park Ave., N.Y. 17, paper-covered boards, $6.

The preface states that unlike earlier editions this one places less stress on the inspirational part of Leica photography and presents instead a more practical system of photography made easier through improved cameras and equipment.

770.82 Photography—Handbooks, manuals, etc. || Leica camera (35-14997)

Terman, Frederick Emmons and others. Electronic and radio engineering. 4th ed. 1955. 1078p. illus. McGraw-Hill, $12.50.

Brings up to date the textbook and reference book on electronic and radio engineering principles and techniques published in the third edition in 1947 as *Radio engineering.* The change in title indicates the greater emphasis on electronics.

†621.34 Electronics || Radio 55-6174

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American Library Association. Subject and title index to short stories for children. 201.

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Collier's. Greatest sports stories. 204.

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Books for young people

Bacharach, Bert. Right dress; success through better grooming. Barnes, $1.50.

A straightforward, informal approach to male grooming and clothing. Useful for older boys. See also note in BOOKLIST 52:158, D 15 55.

Bannister, Roger. The four minute mile. Dodd, $3.50.

Good sports biography, especially for boys interested in track. See also note in BOOKLIST 52:160, D 15 55.

Carson, Byrta. How you look and dress; a first course in clothing. 2d ed. 1955. 398p. illus. McGraw-Hill, $3.75.

The second edition, with revised text, added material, and many new photographs, of a book first published in 1949. Though planned as a text for first-year clothing courses, this book contains much material useful in individual reading. The first seven chapters cover grooming, care of clothes, design, color, textiles, and selection and buying of clothes while the last 10 give detailed instructions for both hand and machine sewing.

646 Clothing and dress || Dressmaking 55-8894 (W)

Collier's, the national weekly. Greatest sports stories.

See note on p.204.

De Leeuw, Cateau. Not for one alone; a junior novel, by Jessica Lyon [pseud.]. 1955. 191p. Macrae, $2.75.

Around the difficulties of adjustment faced by a young couple during their first year of marriage, the author has written another problem novel for older girls. Natural differences of opinion and problems of inexperience are further complicated for Marcy and Gil, who are nineteen and twenty-one respectively, by the fact that both are accustomed to being waited upon and indulged at home. Marcy's jealousy of Gil's job, his demands for her constant attention, and their mutual carelessness with money lead to misunderstanding resolved only by a more sensible attitude and less selfish behavior on the part of both. A fairly realistic though not penetrating study of partnership adjustments.

55-10735 (W)

Dobie, James Frank, *ed.* Tales of old-time Texas.

See note on p.202.

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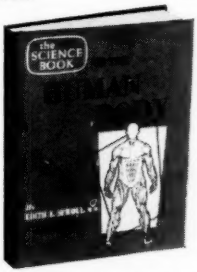

- Recommended for nonprofessional reading by *The Journal of the American Medical Association:*
- "Lucid descriptions of the various body systems . . . An easygoing, friendly writing style that makes the text run smoothly. An unusual feature is the inclusion of 32 special plates in which relationships of organs are demonstrated for all parts of the body . . . Other helpful features are an extensive glossary, a bibliography, and a good index."
- By Edith M. Sproul, M.D. 165 anatomical drawings by Kathleen Elgin. Cloth, 5½"x8½". Teen ages and up. $4.95.

From your library book house, or Franklin Watts, Inc., 699 Madison Ave., N. Y. 21.

Emery, Russell Guy. Rebound. 1955. 190p. Macrae, $2.75.

In a sequel to *Warren of West Point* (BOOKLIST 47:175, Ja 1 51) Larry Warren, now an established yearling cadet at the academy, rejoins his old roommates and begins a promising season as center on the basketball team. Still not psychologically adjusted to his unusual height, however, Larry allows his feeling of inferiority to lead him into a rash and adolescent escapade which nearly wrecks his sports career before he develops a new maturity enabling him to redeem himself in his own eyes and those of his teammates. Another basketball story with some character development and a popular background.

55-10737 (W)

Gault, William Campbell. Mr. Quarterback. 1955. 190p. illus. Dutton, $2.50.

Midwestern quarterback Pete Pulaski accepts a scholarship at Eastern with some misgivings because he is fearful of encountering social snobbery and doubtful about playing football in an academic college. There he learns something about both Ivy League football and the democratic spirit, however, as he and his teammates save Coach Gilpatrick's reputation from the attacks of an unprincipled sports writer. Good football in an average story with rather common theme.

55-8326 (W)

Hogben, Lancelot Thomas. The wonderful world of mathematics. Garden City Books, $2.95.

For note see BOOKLIST 52:195, Ja 1 56.

Household, Geoffrey. The exploits of Xenophon. Random, $1.50.

Younger group. See also note in BOOKLIST 52:195, Ja 1 56.

Howe, Marvine. The Prince and I. Day, $3.50.

A timely personal picture of Morocco for mature students interested in world affairs. See also note in BOOKLIST 52:185, Ja 1 56.

Kinkead, Eugene. Spider, egg, and microcosm. Knopf, $4.

For older students interested in natural science. See also note in BOOKLIST 52:180, Ja 1 56.

Kjelgaard, James Arthur. The lost wagon. 1955. 305p. Dodd, paper-covered boards, $3.50.

The threat of losing their hard-won farm home in Missouri leads Joe and Emma Towe to journey west by mule team and wagon on the Oregon trail with their six children. A late start increases the hazards of the trip and necessitates wintering over near Laramie, but the following spring they find a new home in the Oregon territory. Warm family relations and details of pioneering life help to compensate for an unrealistically happy ending and slightly sentimental tone.

55-7163 (W)

Knight, Ruth Adams (Yingling). First the lightning. 1955. 224p. Doubleday, paper-covered boards, $2.75.

Already embittered by the seeming faithlessness of the American pilot who had promised to marry his widowed mother, and faced with the hopelessness of making an honest living in postwar Florence, young Giovanni joins a teen-age gang of pickpockets. Through a chance encounter with Luigi, a boy from Monsignor Carroll-Abbing's Boys' Town, Giovanni begins to realize, however, that he cannot build a future for himself and his relatives nor help to establish a new design for Italy without independence and honesty. A useful book in which background and characterization are considerably more realistic than a somewhat contrived plot and an incredibly happy ending.

55-10509 (W)

Lord, Walter. A night to remember. Holt, $3.50.

A reconstruction of the *Titanic* disaster which will interest both boys and girls. See also note in BOOKLIST 52:65, O 15 55.

Lundgren, William R. Across the high frontier; the story of a test pilot, Major Charles E. Yeager, USAF.

Not as well written as Bridgeman's *The lonely sky* (BOOKLIST 51:420, Je 15 55) but will be popular with aviation enthusiasts. See also note on p.208.

Ross, Frank Xavier. Superpower. 1955. 185p. illus. Lothrop, $2.95.

The story of atomic energy told briskly and clearly by the established writer of such books as *Radar and other electronic inventions* (BOOKLIST 51:228, Ja 15 55). After a brief historical survey of man's atomic knowledge and research culminating with a detailed description of the historic experiment in which Enrico Fermi achieved the first self-sustaining nuclear reaction, he explains the structure of the atom, discusses nuclear fission, thermonuclear fusion, and the different types of accelerators and reactors, reviews the military and peacetime uses of atomic power, and indicates some of its possibilities for the future. Captions accompanying the numerous illustrations amplify the text.

539.76 Atomic energy || Atomic power

55-10443 (W)

Sinclair, Kenneth L. Lost City of the Sun. Decorations by Victor Mays. 1955. 265p. illus. Funk & Wagnalls, $2.75.

A boys' adventure story set in the same Four Corners area of the Southwest as Folsom's *Search in the desert* (BOOKLIST 52:193, Ja 1 56) centers upon an ancient village of the cliff-dwelling Anasazi Indians and the mystery of its abandonment. Brian Telford, a young Easterner, and Gard Elman of the Klah Nez Trading Post follow clues left in stone hieroglyphics translated by Brian's father to the lost city and foil an unscrupulous archaeologist's attempt to exploit its treasures. Much information about both the ancient Anasazi and modern Navaho Indians is incorporated into the well-paced action.

55-11099 (W)

Sperry, Armstrong. Pacific Islands speaking. Maps and drawings by the author. 1955. 220p. illus. Macmillan, $3.

From an author who has previously evidenced his knowledge and understanding of the South Sea islands in adventure stories such as *Call it courage* (BOOKLIST 36:309, Ap 1 40) comes a well-informed, sympathetic, and colorful survey of the vast chain of islands stretching south from the Aleutians nearly 10,000 miles to include Hawaii, Polynesia, New Zealand and Australia, Melanesia, Indonesia, Micronesia, and the Philippines. Facts about the history and geography, social problems, and recent political importance of these Pacific islands are interwoven with lively anecdotes and picturesque descriptions of native customs in a presentation suitable for recreational as well as supplementary reading.

919 Pacific area 55-13734 (W)

Children's books

Avery, Kay. All for a horse. Illus. by Aldren A. Watson. 1955. 165p. illus. Crowell, $2.50.

Eighth-grader Tom Hayes wanted a sorrel riding horse like the one he had seen in the circus. Tom's problems were two: to get a lot of money and to find a horse to buy. In the story of Tom's money-making endeavors, working in the general store with a hated rival, and making maple syrup with his sister, the Vermont country scene is enticingly pictured and the boy's enterprise and determination well portrayed. Grades 5-7.

Vermont—Stories 55-9202 (W)

Baker, Rachel (Mininberg). Angel of mercy; the story of Dorothea Lynde Dix. 1955. 191p. illus. Messner, $2.95.

A somewhat emotional but inspiring fictionized biography of the New England philanthropist who revolutionized the care and handling of the mentally ill. The readable narrative begins with Dorothea Lynde Dix's unhappy childhood and early years of teaching and writing, follows her dramatic crusading across the U.S. and Europe, exposing the brutal treatment of the insane and battling governing bodies to provide hospitals for the mentally sick, and tells of her experiences as supervisor of nurses for the Union Army. Grades 7-10.

B Dix, Dorothea Lynde || Philanthropists 55-9849 (W)

Caffrey, Nancy. Horse haven; illus. by Paul Brown. 1955. 93p. illus. Dutton, $2.50.

Another short, easy-to-read horse story by the author of *Show pony* (Booklist 51:229, Ja 15 55) in which the twins Jan and Jay with loving care nurse an old, badly mistreated horse back to health, discover that he can jump, ride him in the Hunter Trials, and learn the secret of his past. The story is for the most part unremarkable; what sets it apart is the children's unselfishness in giving up their beloved Old Charlie when his original owner appears and in letting the old man believe that in the intervening years his horse has known only kindness. Grades 4-6.

Horses—Stories 55-9795 (W)

Carson, Byrta. How you look and dress; a first course in clothing. 2d ed.

See note on p.211.

Chalmers, Mary. Here comes the trolley car; pictures by [the author]. 1955. unpaged. illus. Harper, $2.50.

Another pleasing childlike picture book by the author-artist of *Come for a walk with me* (Booklist 51:348, Ap 15 55). Except for an impromptu picnic while the trolley car is being repaired, not a great deal happens on this typical morning trolley car run, but the things that are important to very young children—who the passengers are, where they are going and why, what they are carrying, and what they see—are delightfully detailed in diminutive drawings. Ages 3-5.

55-8590 (W)

Coates, Belle. Barn cat. Illus. by Robert Henneberger. 1955. 56p. illus. Scribner, $2.25.

Naming the friendly stray cat that moved into the barn and slept on the back of a cow named Fawn posed a problem for Bud and Fuzz to whom appropriate names were important. Nothing seemed to fit, not even the name of Choosey, suggested because Fawn was the best cow. The agreeable, pleasingly illustrated story tells how the cat earns its name during a South Dakota blizzard. Ages 5-8.

Cats—Stories 55-10140 (W)

Crowley, Maude. Tor and Azor. Pictures by Veronica Reed. 1955. 123p. illus. Oxford, $2.75.

Tor Vang, a boy from Norway visiting his aunt in Marblehead, is as delightful a personality as Azor, the familiar and now slightly older hero of several earlier books. Homesick for Norway and laughed at because he is from Away, Tor is not sure that he "likes himself in Marblehead," until he outsmarts his tormentors and is accepted as a friend by cautious, taciturn Azor. Again dry humor, understanding of boys, atmosphere, and amusing animal characters and incidents are present in a warmhearted story which ends with preparations for a Norwegian Christmas. Grades 4-6.

55-11587 (W)

First graces. Illus. by Tasha Tudor. 1955. 47p. illus. 5⅜ in. Oxford, $1.75.

Libraries that bought the author's *First prayers* (Booklist 49:76, O 15 55) will probably want this companion volume, another diminutive book, delicately and appealingly illustrated, containing 22 graces and prayers of thanksgiving from both old and contemporary sources. Ages 4-8.

249 Grace at meals || Prayers 55-11589 (W)

Gault, William Campbell. Mr. Quarterback.

See note on p.211.

Hartmann, John. A deer in the family. 1955. 58p. illus. 9¾ in. Dutton, $2.50.

Adapted from a true story, this is an appeal-

ing account of an abandoned roe fawn that is adopted by a Danish farm family. Bambi becomes a loved and spoiled pet, free to come and go as she pleases, and when she is grown, brings her fawns to be raised by her human foster family. Illustrated with engaging photographs, some of which are not coordinated with the text, and with spot drawings. Ages 8-11.

Deer—Stories 55-9661 (W)

Johnston, Johanna. Sugarplum; illus. by Marvin Bileck. 1955. unpaged. illus. Knopf, $2.

Sugarplum is a thumb-sized doll who has only a painted dress, is thought by Susie's other dolls to be a trinket, a bangle, or a knickknack, and is always getting lost. Little girls will be charmed by the pictures of the miniature doll and her world, and the story of Sugarplum's adventures—especially the final one in which she is sealed up in a glass of apple jelly, is found just when Susie needs her, and at last is given a dress to make her look like a real doll. Ages 4-7.

Dolls—Stories 55-8941 (W)

Kehr, Ernest Anthony. My hobby is collecting stamps. 1955. 127p. illus. 9⅞ in. Hart Book, paper-covered boards, $2.95.

A practical guide for the serious stamp collector which covers all phases of the subject from reasons for starting a collection to how and what to buy in the way of stamps, albums, and collecting paraphernalia, how to use catalogs, kinds of collections, how to mount and care for stamps, stamp values, clubs and literature, the world's most valuable stamps, and economic soundness of stamp collecting. Includes an 11-page glossary of philatelic terms. Grades 5-9.

383.22 Postage stamps || Collecting 55-12669 (W)

Kramer, Nora, *comp.* Storybook. Illus. by Beth and Joe Krush. 1955. 160p. illus. Messner, $2.95.

A welcome and varied anthology of stories and verse, largely from contemporary literature, carefully selected and tested for reading aloud to three- and four-year-olds; appealing illustrations and format. Some of the authors represented are Margaret Wise Brown, David McCord, Hope Newell, Margot Austin, Eleanor Clymer, Carolyn Haywood, Alvin Tresselt, Dorothy Baruch, and Frances Frost. The publisher states that, to the best of his knowledge, none of the selections have been anthologized before. Ages 3-5.

55-9860 (W)

Lathrop, Dorothy Pulis. The littlest mouse. 1955. 32p. illus. Macmillan, $2.25; paper-covered boards, $1.75.

The story of a little field mouse that was as sleek and pretty and every bit as much a mouse as the other four in the litter, but never grew from the day he was born. The littlest mouse's perilous existence and his search for a safe home that would be just the right size —which he finds in an oak apple—are charmingly told and illustrated. Ages 5-8.

Mice—Stories 55-13732 (W)

McCracken, Harold. Winning of the West. Illus. by Lee Ames. 1955. 63p. illus. 12½ in. Garden City Books, paper-covered boards, $2.

A chronological picture of the opening of the West which points up the parts played by daring and courageous trailblazers and frontiersmen, events that influenced expansion, from Daniel Boone to the gold rush, the coming of the railroad, and the last Indian uprising in 1890. Eye-catching, action pictures in color and in black and white enliven the concise but not particularly exciting narrative. Grades 4-7.

978 The West—Hist. || Frontier and pioneer life 55-6794 (W)

Manton, Jo. The story of Albert Schweitzer. Illus. by Astrid Walford. 1955. 223p. illus. Abelard-Schuman, $2.75.

A well-written and engrossing biography of the humanitarian who gave up a personal career to serve as a medical missionary in the African jungle. Drawing liberally from Schweitzer's own writing, from letters and recorded conversations, the author vividly recreates Schweitzer's life and achievements and reveals the simplicity and humanity of the doctor, musician, philosopher, and theologian who lives in accordance with his belief in reverence for life. Originally published in England. Grades 7-10.

B Schweitzer, Albert 55-8542 (W)

Merriam, Eve. The real book about amazing birds; illus. by Paul Wenck. 1955. 226p. illus. Garden City Books, $1.95.

An entertaining and instructive introduction to the appearance and behavior of some of the world's more unusual birds. Discusses in chatty style feathers, beaks, nests, courtship, protection against enemies, flightless and aquatic birds, birds of prey, and the mystery of migration. The illustrations are only adequate. Grades 5-8.

598.2 Birds 55-5381 (W)

Miers, Earl Schenck. The rainbow book of American history. Illus. by James Daugherty. 1955. 319p. illus. 11¼ in. World, $4.95.

A dramatic panoramic view of America's history from the Vikings to the birth of the atomic age, achieved through effectively written brief narratives which spotlight some of the events and people important in the discovery, settlement, and development of this country. A large book printed in double columns and abundantly illustrated with the

robust action pictures typical of the artist; well indexed and immensely readable. Grades 5-8.

973 U.S.—Hist. 55-6227 (W)

Mirsky, Reba Paeff. Seven grandmothers; illus. by W. T. Mars. 1955. 191p. illus. Follett, paper-covered boards, $2.95.

In a second story of Nomusa, daughter of a Zulu chief, Nomusa is fascinated by the witch doctor's magic and decides that she too will be a witch doctor—until she is won over by the new kind of magic performed by Buselapi who has studied nursing in Durban. As in the first book *Thirty-one brothers and sisters* (BOOKLIST 49:146, D 15 52) the heroine is a likable girl and the primitive beliefs and tribal customs of the Zulus are vividly depicted. Grades 4-7.

Africa, South—Stories 55-7502 (W)

Morgan, Carol McAfee. A new home for Pablo. Illus. by Harvey Weiss. 1955. 144p. illus. Abelard-Schuman, $2.50.

With the help of an American benefactor, a Puerto Rican boy comes with his family to live in New York City where his father is already established. The story of Pablo's experiences in and out of school and at the community center, and the family's adjustment to the different way of life is superficial and too idealistic but it is warm and timely and may have a temporary use in promoting understanding and tolerance. Grades 4-6.

Puerto Ricans in the U.S.—Stories 55-8537 (W)

Olgin, Joseph. Backcourt rivals. With a foreword by Bob Cousy. Illus. by David Stone. 1955. 192p. illus. Dutton, $2.75.

A story of Junior Basketball and a belligerent, hotheaded boy from an orphanage who almost kills his team's chances for the state championship because his interest is not in the team but in trying to make a name for himself by breaking records and winning a place on the All-Star team. A satisfactory sports story with the usual rivalry between teammates, a happy ending with success for the team and a promise of love and security for Lefty, and plenty of exciting basketball action. Grades 5-8.

Basketball—Stories 55-8334 (W)

Patchett, Mary Elwyn. Tam the untamed. Illus. by Gerald McCann. 1955. 186p. illus. Bobbs-Merrill, $2.75.

The author of *Ajax, golden dog of the Australian bush* (BOOKLIST 51:140, N 15 54) continues with recollections of her childhood in Australia, centering the present first-person story around Tam, a magnificent, never completely tamed stallion that she raised from a foal. As in the first book there are incidents that strain belief, but the girl's companionship with her horse and dogs, the exciting adventure, and the vivid re-creation of life in the Australian bush country will draw and hold readers. First published in England in 1954. Grades 6-8.

Australia—Stories || Horses—Stories || Dogs—Stories 55-10891 (W)

Ross, Frank Xavier. Superpower; the story of atomic energy.

See note on p.212.

Schloat, G. Warren. The magic of water. 1955. unpaged. illus. 10¼ in. Scribner, $2.50.

The nature and importance of water, where it comes from, how it can be put to work, and the need for conservation are explained in clear photographs and captions. Similar in purpose, treatment, and format to *Your wonderful teeth* (BOOKLIST 50:364, My 15 54) and other easy informational books by the author. Ages 6-10.

551.48 Water 55-13690 (W)

Shannon, Terry. At water's edge. Illus. by Charles Payzant. 1955. unpaged. illus. Sterling, $2.50.

A simple introduction to the animal and plant life found along the seashore and on the edge of lake, pond, and stream. The many pictures in color and brief accompanying text do little more than provide surface identification, but they do this in a graphic and friendly manner that invites exploration and observation. Ages 8-10.

574 Nature study 55-10373 (W)

Sterling, Dorothy and **Sterling, Philip.** Polio pioneers. With photos. by Myron Ehrenberg and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. 1955. 128p. illus. Doubleday, paper-covered boards, $2.75.

The story of the fight against polio—the work of pioneers in the field, the scientific discoveries, and the medical research, which paved the way for the Salk vaccine—is recounted here briefly but effectively in readable text and many photographs. The discovery, testing, and manufacture of the Salk vaccine is dramatized and the need for further research discussed. Grades 5-8.

616.9 Poliomyelitis—Hist. 55-11337 (W)

White, Anne Terry. All about our changing rocks; illus. by René Martin. 1955. 142p. illus. Random, $1.95.

Not the best book on the subject but an adequate and friendly introduction to geology which presents theories of the origin of rocks, kinds of rocks, how they are formed and are constantly changing, and tells how to identify minerals. The final chapter describes some common rock-forming minerals. Easy to read. Grades 5-8.

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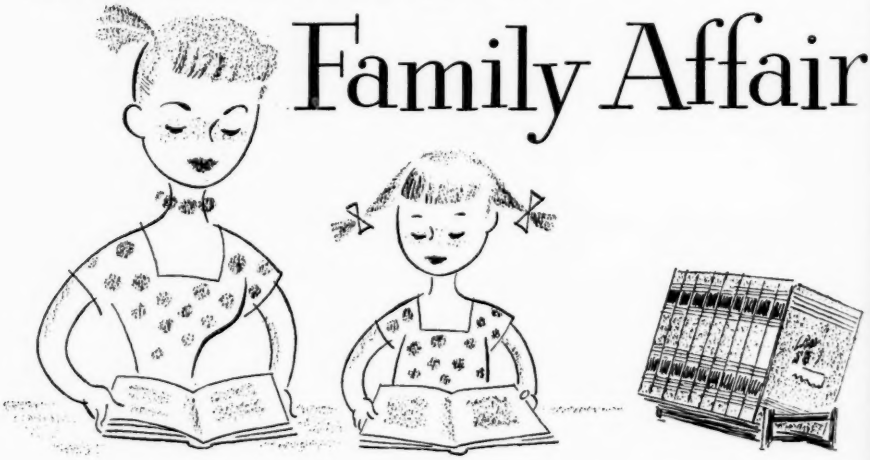

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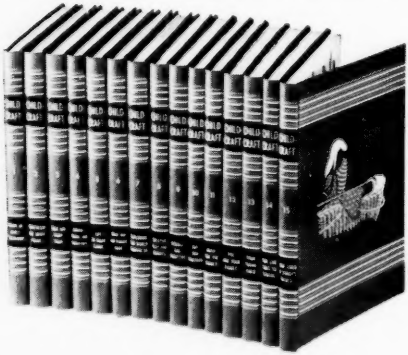

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